



## October News from Howard County Recycling

### Shredding Events



Back by popular demand, two Document Shredding events are scheduled this month. Residents may bring up to three bags or boxes of paper to be shredded.

Please **ONLY** bring items that contain personal information. Junk mail, catalogs and office paper should set out for **regular curbside recycling**.

The scheduled details:

**Saturday, October 10, 2020** from 9am–1 pm (or until trucks are full)  
Gary J. Arthur Community Center

**Saturday, October 31, 2020** from 9am–1 pm (or until trucks are full)  
Long Gate Park & Ride (exit 1A off of Route 100)

**Face coverings and social distancing will be enforced.**

### Give your Jack-O-Lanterns new life



Halloween isn't the end for your pumpkin.

When it's no longer spooky (or edible), be sure to compost it!

Did you know you can compost chopsticks too?

Check out our list of compostable items in our [Feed the Green Bin](#) collection program.

### A Compost Nightmare

## Japanese Stiltgrass: A Compost Nightmare

Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) is an invasive annual grass that threatens our native plants and vegetation. It can be identified by its silver hairs down the center of its bamboo-like blades.



By the fall, the plant begins to flower and can put out between 100 and 1,000 seeds which can remain viable for over 5 years. To control the spread, the University of Maryland Extension Office recommends hand-pulling all weeds before they have a chance to go to seed.







Due to the viability of the seed, do **NOT** compost in your backyard or in our [yard trim](#) or [Feed The Green Bin](#) collection programs. Material should be bagged for trash collection.

Visit [University of Maryland Extension's website](#) to learn more about Japanese Stiltgrass and other invasive species found in Maryland and how to manage them on your property.

## ARL Reminder

**Face Coverings required at all times**  
**Organics sales resume (credit card only)**

### Alpha Ridge Landfill: Modified Operations

	Avoid unnecessary trips to Alpha Ridge Landfill. County-provided collection services continue to operate as usual and collection guidelines still apply. Please delay disposal of home clean out materials as the high volume has overwhelmed collection crews.
	All organic material sales are by credit card <b>ONLY</b> . No cash, check or debit will be accepted.
	Face coverings are required at all times. Please continue to practice social distancing (6 ft).
	Vehicles with a trailer or box trucks must cross the scales; they cannot use the Residents Convenience Center due to safety concerns.
	Permitted commercial accounts must cross the scales and will be billed based on material type and tonnage. On-site cash, check and credit card sales have been discontinued.
	Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-offs will be held Saturdays from 8am-4pm. Residents are strongly encouraged to avoid unnecessary trips as Saturdays are typically busy.

Services will continue to be evaluated as needed. Call 410-313-6444 to get the most up-to-date information from our recorded message or visit our website at [HowardCountyRecycles.org](#).

Visit our [website](#) for up-to-date information.

## Questions? Comments?



Questions? Contact Us

Getting your questions answered just got easier!

*Need to exchange a cracked cart?*

*Don't see an item on our [Know Before You Throw](#) page?*

*Have a suggestion for our website?*

Our NEW [online form](#) let's you easily submit a request. We're here to help!

[Howard County Recycling](#)

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[Alpha Ridge Landfill](#)

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Marriottsville, MD 21104  
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